

**Peter Hog to George Washington, January 27, 1756,  
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**FROM CAPTAIN PETER HOG.**

FORT DINWIDDIE 27th. Jany 1765

SIR/

I Recd. Yours by Capt. Bell of 10th Instant 10 Days before yours 27th: Decr by Majr Lewis which only came to hand Last Night, you will See by the Inclosed Return that the Company wants but one of being Compleat.: only the Mulatoes & Negos are still Included.

I have Inclosed an Accot. for Comisy. Walker of the money I recd from Mr. McNeil and have all the Vouchers Lodged to Send by the first safe & direct Conveyance that will grant Recps: for them & Each Voucher attested by the Subalterns. By the Accot. you will Observe the qty. of provisions does not Exceed that Agreed on by Majr. Lewis & you at the Fort, & will barely Suffice for 10 MonthsIt is true I did send down an Estimate to the Govr. that he might not send half the Sum wanted, and there I sett down 32 thousd. tol. of beeff at 10/, £160—20 tubs to Cure the Meat at 10/ each £10—& so much for Barrels.

Now Sir I think it is really Amazeing that his Honr. should mistake 20 tubs for a trough of which I am possitive there is not the least mention as will appear both by the principal in the Govrs. hands & the Copy in mine, how far his honr. may be unacquainted with the qty. of Beeff necessary to Support a Company for 10 Months I shall not determine; but certainly it must be great Inattention to mistake a Charge of 20 tubs for a trough which

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would rather deserve the Name of an Ark. It was much against my Inclination to Undertake playing the Comisry. for the Compy. as I knew that Instead of its being Esteemed an Extra Service it would Subject me to Insidious Reflections & Illnated Censures. But I am unlucky in having prejudices Entertained agt. me without any foundation, & as readily believed.

Majr. Lewis would not Send up the Act relating to deserters, but desired me by a Verbal Message to try & punish them before we Marched tho he Expects we will Sett out this Week; Johnson says that in Consideration of his taking the Dutch men that deserted from Lt. Solson's Detachmt. at the Dunkers he was to have his discharge of Cap Peyroney who on his Application said he did not care to Sign a Discharge but that he might goe abt. his Bussiness he would never Advertize him nor Send after him and refers to Collo. Stephens as an Evidence. It is only such as doe real Carpenters work that I intend to pay, and there is a great many little jobs of Smiths Work from the scarcity of tools & the many hands they goe thro & many of them Unskillful I have never had any tools from Fredricksburg since those that Came by the Salt Waggon nor are they to be purchased here but if you can order up some Iron & Salt from Fredricksbg. per first Waggon for the Courtho. it will Supply those Wants I am sory that you are either Misinformed or Misapprehend the Case of Chew's Servant, I never spoke to her in may Life Untill I was ordered by Genl Braddock to take the Command of the Detachmt. for the pensilva. Road when she was recommended to my care in her way to Phila: by some of the officers who Lodged at her Masters & by Mrs English who waited on Mr. Allen & me, it is here I made her Change her resolution of going to Phila: and brought her back to Wills Creek where she was openly Seen in the Camp, I never intended to Conceal her, but on the Contrary tho there was never no Enquiry made after her all the time I had her at Wills Creek, I Employed Mr. Slatker to buy her time and told him he might draw on me for the money. But my Station here prevented his Answer I suppose, and you are Sensible I have not had an Oppty. of Sending to Alexandria Since you Left this, besides I have never had any Conveyance to Send money from this Except Mr. Gordon & he went to Wills Creek so that I dont See that

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I have acted either Unlike an officer or a Gent. unless that a Great many would have made the same Use of a Mans Maid without making any Satisfaction to the Master or reckoning themselves under any Obligation to free the Maid from a harsh Servitude, which I all along Intended and declared, tho' I never had any Application made to me by Mr. Chew or any other person for him till ye note that Came with Yours: and Accordingly have Sent Bills to Capt. Stewart for £10—who will deliver them to any Safe hand that you shall order going to Alexandria who may Deliver bring up the Indenture & deliver it to him.

She tells me that was the original price given by Chew to Mr. Kirkpatrick & she served him 9 Months however if it is a trifle more Capt. Stewart will advance it for me. I cannot yet send the pay Roll & Recpts: for Decr. as the Serjt. who pays off the Men was Sent to press horses for the March But shall Answer that and the other particulars of Capt: Bells Lettr before I march

I am Sir Your Very hum Servt. PETR: HOG Inclosed is the pay Roll for Septr: P. S. Mr: McManus Writes to me for one Aug. Cole a deserter from Capt. Dobs Compy. I recd. him over from Majr. Lewis & have desired him to apply to you to determine if he is Left behind in the fort under the Serjt:—the Recpts are Left Wt. serj McCulty Sealed up for Commiss Walker